We had sailed for days, running for our lives, searching for a safe haven and finally we had arrived.

The red lighthouse was heard about in whispers. Everyone lived in fear, everyone lived with hunger, everyone lived with desperation – the red lighthouse was like a myth, a children's bedtime story, but it was a sign of hope.

So when I discovered the yacht that day, unguarded, a plan quickly began to form in my mind. Creeping anxiously, under cover of darkness, fearing for our lives, we frantically untied the ropes and silently set sail – to what we hoped was freedom.

- 1. Which words, or phrases, show fear and worry?
- 2. What do you think these people are in fear of?
- 3. Why do you think that the red lighthouse is described as 'a myth, a children's bedtime story'?
- 4. Describe your journey to the yacht. Remember to say how you feel.
- 5. Describe a time when you have felt like you needed to escape from a situation.



Be a detective.

Lighthouses are a sign of safety for sailors. When were they invented?
The lighthouse of Alexandria was one of the seven wonders of the world. What were the other six?
What are the seven modern wonders of the world? Where are they? Can you find them on a map?
Harriet Tubman was a 'conductor' on the underground railroad. What was it? Why is she famous?



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